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Sir:

This is a full and complete response to the final Office Action having a mailing date of October 20, 2006. The three month period to respond to the Office Action was set to expire January 20, 2007, which makes this a timely filed response.

Entry of this Response and Amendment is respectfully requested since it is believed to place the application in condition for allowance or in better condition for appeal and does not raise any new issues that require further consideration and/or search.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in a listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.